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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO SEMENOV'S QUERY ON THE EFFECT OF ARTICLE IV-7
ON EXISTING PRACTICES (SALT TWO-693)

REF: A. SALT TWO GENEVA 245
B. SALT TWO GENEVA 246

1. RE PARAGRAPH 2 OF REFTEL A, WE PROPOSE TO ANSWER SEMENOV QUERY AS FOLLOWS:

2. "BASED ON INFORMATION PRESENTLY KNOWN TO US, WE DO NOT ENVISION THAT CHANGES WOULD BE REQUIRED IN EXISTING PRACTICES UNDER OUR FORMULATION OF ARTICLE IV, PARA 7. THIS STATE-MENT SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED TO PERMIT THE USE OF CURRENT STORAGE PRACTICES AT CERTAIN OLDER SOFT ICBM SITES TO BE EXTENDED TO OTHER ICBM SITES. SHOULD AMBIGUTIES ARISE IN THE FUTURE, THEY COULD BE ADDRESSED IN THE SCC."

3. (FYI) WE RECOGNIZE THAT THERE ARE STORAGE FACILITIES AT OLDER ICBM SOFT SITES WHICH WOULD BE CONTRARY TO SUBPARAS (A)
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AND (B) OF ARTICLE IV, PARA 7, BUT WE BELIEVE THAT THE LAUNCHERS

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AT THESE SITES DO NOT HAVE A RAPID RELOAD CAPABILITY AND THAT THEY
WILL PROBABLY BE DISMANTLED OR DESTROYED IN THE NEAR FUTURE;
THUS, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT AN ISSUE SHOULD BE MADE OVER THEM.

4. IN LIGHT OF PARA 3 OF REFTEL B, WE SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING
REWORDING OF SUBPARA (C) OF ARTICLE IV, PARA 7 TO MAKE IT CLOSER
TO THE LANGUAGE OF THE ABM TREATY WITHOUT ANY CHANGE IN SUBSTANCE:
"NOT TO DEVELOP, TEST, OR DEPLOY SYSTEMS FOR RAPID RELOAD OF ICBM
LAUNCHERS." JOHNSON

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